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Sallie Mae offers students reduced loan payments

By JOSEPH BRENNAN

Although the federal student loan consolidation program is scheduled to end Aug. 1, officials are confident it will continue.

Congress is reviewing the program to see if it's effective, and may alter some of its provisions, according to Julie Terpay, marketing representative for Sallie Mae (the Student Loan Marketing Association).

Sallie Mae was created by Congress in 1972 "to promote the accessibility of student loan credit," according to a brochure describing the organization's services. It was authorized in 1981 to create a program to make repayment of student loans easier.

Students who borrowed money under the Guaranteed Student Loan, National Direct Student Loan, or Federally Insured Student Loan programs are eligible for consolidation under what Sallie Mae calls its "Options" program.

Students who owe more than \$5,000 but less than \$7,500 are eligible only if they obtained loans from more than one "lender, program or guarantor," according to Sallie Mae. Students owing \$7,500 or more are eligible regardless of the number of institutions from which they borrowed money.

Other restrictions include: 1) A student and spouse cannot combine loans, nor can a student combine loans held by parents, and 2) the government will not pay interest during deferment periods. A student can, however, have interest deferred and added to the principal under Options.

There are three options in the Sallie Mae program. Option 1 fixes a permanent monthly repayment fee. Under Option 2, payments begin low and gradually increase as the student becomes "established in (his) career." Option 3 also provides for

low monthly payments to start, but they increase more rapidly than Option 2.

In all three options, students may choose, "within certain limits," how long they wish to take to repay their loans.

Sallie Mae, which has advertised its services in several national magazines, said the average monthly payment can be reduced "by up to 50 percent."

For example, a student owing between \$7,501 and \$11,000 can get monthly payments reduced from an average of \$96 to \$58, according to Sallie Mae.

Terpay said the best time to apply for Options is four months before the end of the student's grace period on the original loans. (Most borrowers have a nine-to-12-month grace period after graduation before beginning repayment to the lending institution.)

If the student is accepted for consolidation, Terpay added, repayment on the loan must begin after two months. There is no fee charged for consolidation.

Robert Pike, director of financial aids at UNO, said the Sallie Mae program is advantageous for two reasons.

"Some students have gotten into a position where, because of the accessibility of funds, (they) may have borrowed GSLs from several different lending sources," he said. "When they get out of school they're faced with a monthly repayment to each one of the lenders."

Pike also said consolidating student loans is similar to consumer loans, in which borrowers attempt to lower monthly credit card payments by combining bills into one payment.

A second advantage, according to Pike, is Sallie Mae allows

students who borrowed money at 9 percent interest to consolidate the loans into one 7 percent note. "It (makes) some difference in your repayment."

In October, 1981, Congress changed the law, and borrowers are now charged 9 percent interest. Before that, students were charged 7 percent.

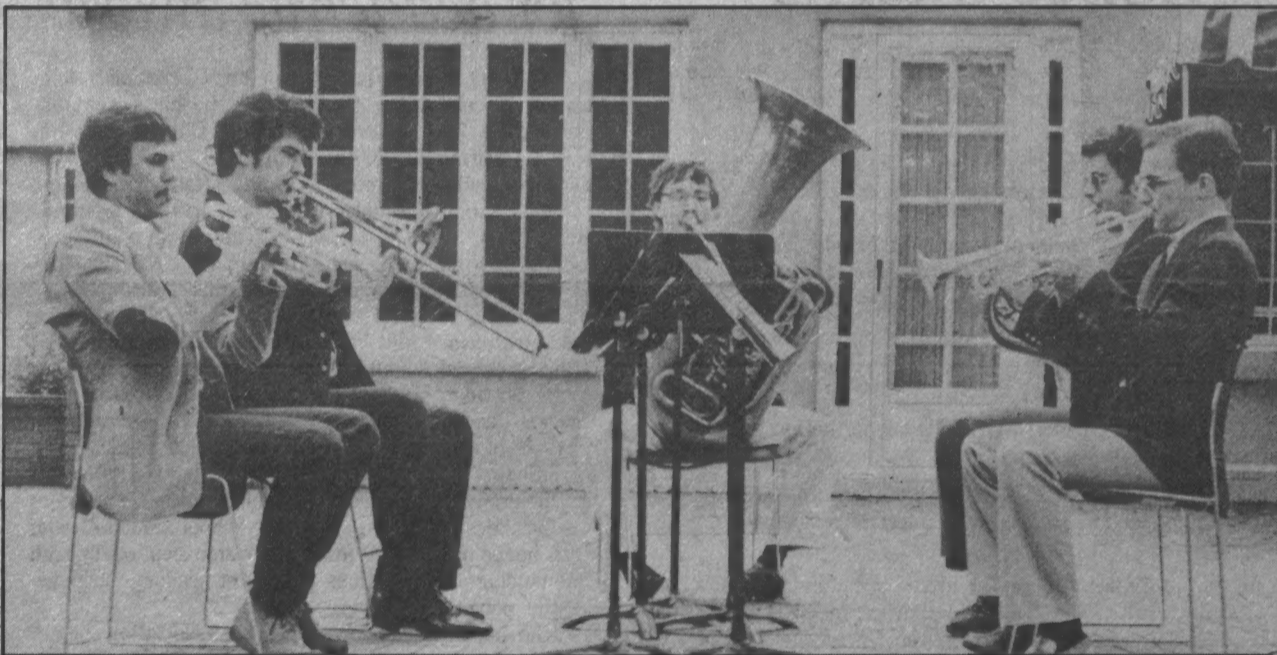
Since Sallie Mae was empowered to consolidate loans, approximately 10,000 borrowers have been accepted in the Options program, Terpay said.

Of that number, 416 are students who attended college in Nebraska. They have consolidated about \$2.5 million in loans as of April 15, according to Cynthia Slavin, marketing manager for Sallie Mae.

Banks and other lending institutions usually "try to get rid of current loans they've made within a year's period," Pike said. Thus, they are able to offer new loans to other students in the future. "Banks are interested in serving the students," he said, "(and), of course, calculating a profit in there like any loan. (But) it's to their advantage to keep a loan only so many months."

Pike compared Sallie Mae to the Nebraska Higher Education Loan Program (NEHELP), which buys up portfolios of loans from banks because, on some loans, the repayment period is 15 years. NEHELP enables banks to offer new loans to new borrowers. Otherwise, "at least part of the loan principal" would be tied up for the 15-year period.

Students interested in Sallie Mae should call 1-800-821-7700 (toll free) or write the Student Loan Marketing Association, Options, 1050 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20007.



Horning in

Roger Hamer

What would a carnival be without a brass band? James Jespersen (left), Jeff Ingraham, Craig Fuller, Dave Clark and Doug Keiser help provide music for "Carnival Theater on the Green" Thursdays through Sundays this month. The shows are held on the Alumni House lawn starting at 6:30 p.m. Special performances will also take place at Central Park Mall June 15, 22 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 554-2358 or 554-2231.

Loan guarantee fee drops by 25 percent

Students applying for loans after July 1 will pay a reduced guarantee fee. According to the Higher Education Assistance Foundation (HEAF), a guarantor of student loans, borrowers will pay a guarantee fee of three-quarters of 1 percent compared to 1 percent previously.

The reduction will save students about \$10 per \$1,000 borrowed. A HEAF press release said the reduction will save Nebraska college students approximately \$700,000 during the 1983-84 school year.

The guarantee fee is deducted from the amount of the loan check, said Robert Pike, director of financial aids at UNO.

The reduction of the fee has no bearing on the amount the student has to repay, he added. "The student still is repaying the maximum amount of the loan they're borrowing."

Pike said the purpose of the fee is to "buy insurance policies on the student to underwrite the cost of the loan principal." This protects the lender in case a student dies or is totally disabled.

HEAF decided to lower the fee after it reduced costs in internal operations and data processing.

During the period of Oct. 1, 1981, to Sept. 30, 1982, approximately 3,400 UNO students took out loans totalling about \$7.7 million. Those figures (based on the federal government's fiscal year) do not reflect loans dispensed in August 1981, Pike said. The actual amount borrowed was about \$11.5 million.

Neighbors may sue to prevent UNO land acquisition

By JOSEPH BRENNAN

A neighborhood group opposed to westward expansion by UNO will "explore" the possibility of legal action against the university.

Frances Batt, president of Citizens Action Association, declined to comment on specific legal remedies the group may seek, but added that neighbors are determined to preserve what they consider to be an "environmental paradise" west of UNO.

Meanwhile, Cynthia Schneider, 314 So. 67th St., whose home is not currently on the list of 12 houses UNO wants to purchase, said she will seek a legal solution because "I'm not being purchased."

Schneider said she is concerned that if the university does purchase the homes she will be "boxed in and have the university right in my backyard."

At the May Board of Regents meeting in Lincoln, Gregory Searson, an attorney with the Omaha firm of Kutak, Rock & Huie, predicted that neighbors will probably sue to prevent the expansion.

Searson, who does not live in the neighborhood, said he was volunteering his remarks and not officially representing CAA or other neighbors. "There will be some extraordinary types

of litigation ... our firm will be involved but to a limited degree," he said.

'Unthinkable'

At the same meeting, Florence Davis, whose home at 303 So. 67th St. was recently proposed for purchase by the regents, said, "For you to come in here and take our homes without new surveys and studies is absolutely unthinkable."

"You must substantiate your need for taking these homes at this cost and taking them off of our tax rolls."

The neighbors' latest reaction to the long-running controversy about UNO expansion and parking stems from passage of Legislative Bill 410 last month, which authorizes the regents to use \$3.3 million to purchase land west of UNO. According to the university, the land is needed to solve the parking problem and construct two new buildings, a laboratory science building and a second performing arts building.

NU counsel Richard Wood told the regents last month that the university is required to hold public hearings on the matter before actual purchase of the land.

Batt, 7001 Farnam St., said she has been opposing university efforts to expand west for

nearly 13 years. Her home is not sought by the regents.

At a meeting with her and four other neighbors on June 3, Batt said UNO enrollment figures projected for the future do not justify the expansion. She also said the university has not adequately explored alternatives for both parking and new classroom space.

Batt said she disagrees with Chancellor Del Weber that UNO enrollment will continue to increase significantly by the end of the decade.

Research

Weber told the regents in May that "all of the evidence that I have from our institutional research, from our admissions office, is that enrollment is up, and furthermore, contrary to what we see from many institutions of higher education, the enrollment is expected to be up by the end of the decade."

Batt said she doesn't believe the data exists. She cited a study by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Post-Secondary Education which shows that enrollment has dropped by more than 1,000 students since 1975, UNO's peak year with 15,049 students.

Enrollment has increased each year since fall 1979, when 13,546 students were enrolled to 14,024 students in fall 1982, according to the

study.

Batt said the trend for the 1980s and 1990s is one of declining enrollments.

"The whole trend toward declining enrollment is not only statewide, it's nationwide," said Batt.

Schneider added: "The District 66 enrollment (west Omaha) is way down. Anybody can take the national statistics and census and find out there is going to be fewer children in the schools."

"I mean, you don't have — he (Weber) can say anything he wants — but where is he going to get them? Is he going to materialize them out of the air?"

Batt also questioned whether the Peter Kiewit Conference Center downtown is fully utilized for classes. She said there is virtually no occupancy in Kiewit classrooms before 4 p.m. In addition, according to Batt, the center has 17 classrooms with a capacity for 850 students.

Density

Gail Flanery, 314 So. 68th Ave., said she thinks it would be "interesting" to see a chart depicting classroom density on the UNO campus.

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Batt: UNO enrollment figures don't justify expansion

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"I think that what we would see is a very high density on the east side of campus," said Flanery, "and that it would diminish as you move westward. I think that a study like that would show that the property they've already acquired is not being used to its fullest capacity."

Dr. Arne Mattson, 301 So. 68th St., agreed that UNO is not using all of its space at present, and said, "There's not enough (of an) intelligent, scientific, economic approach to the things they're doing here. They just get the money, and a few people sit around and say, 'All right, let's do this,' and they build something."

Another concern of CAA is the effect UNO expansion would have on "a neighborhood of 500 families extending from Dodge to Pacific Streets, (and) 68th Street over to 71st Street," said Adelaide Szynskie, 301 So. 68th Ave. She added that expansion might open up Farnam Street between 68th Street and 68th Avenue, thereby eliminating the "buffer" that currently exists.

The neighbors interviewed all said they fear UNO would "blacktop" the area for parking lots, thus destroying natural terrain and creating problems with rain and mud during storms.

NU President Ronald Roskens, who was chancellor at UNO from 1972 to 1977, said in an interview on May 26 he is opposed to



"Environmental paradise" . . . This land, south on Farnam Street at 67th Ave., is part of the proposed UNO annexation plan.

turning the area into a parking lot.

"I understand the viewpoints of those people who are living nearby and concerned about continuous expansion as well as the aesthetic aspects," said Roskens.

"I think we have to be very concerned about

aesthetics in anything that we do. I wouldn't envisage whatever land is acquired at some point being all tarred over . . . I think people out there, students and faculty, are entitled to some green space."

Roskens also said he believes "there has

been a real effort to communicate the expectations and the objectives of the university (to the neighbors) . . . I understand, I really do understand, the nature of the feelings of those who are opposed. But I think it is a legitimate disagreement."

In a statement released May 12, CAA outlined alternative solutions for land acquisition which it believes have not been explored.

In addition to expanded use of the Kiewit center, the report calls for adjustment of class schedules, increased use of the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus service, more use of Metro Area Transit, construction of a multi-level parking garage behind Arts and Sciences Hall, parking fees for non-university events on campus, and continued "vertical expansion rather than horizontal expansion."

"The air is free," the report stated, and "this concept is especially important in an urban area adjacent to a prime tax-paying, intact urban neighborhood."

Schneider said she earned bachelor's and master's degrees at UNO when it was known as Omaha University. She also taught Latin American history at UNO part-time. Batt said she also is an OU graduate.

The neighbors support the university and have great "affection" for it because many of them have close ties to UNO, Batt said.

It also is CAA's position that money should be spent on increasing faculty salaries instead of constructing buildings or buying land.

Director says program benefits city

UNO students serve as police interns

By LOU MEYERS

Eleven UNO criminal justice students are participating in an internship program with the Omaha Police Division this summer.

The students work up to 30 hours per week on various shifts and are paid the minimum wage, according to Bill Wakefield, associate professor of criminal justice. He said students selected for the program are "very committed" and enjoy the experience.

Last semester, six student interns performed clerical duties in the police division's Criminal Investigations Bureau, said Deputy Chief Robert Olson. He described that experience as "absolutely positive," and added that it encouraged the police to expand the program this summer.

Olson said he hopes to increase the students' responsibilities with the division as they demonstrate competency. "We anticipate letting them go out on 'safe scenes,'" which are non-dangerous situations, he said. Interns would assist detectives and officers outside of police headquarters.

Olson, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from UNO, said the program originated in the 1960s as cadet officer training funded by government money. As funding was withdrawn in the 1970s, the program was abandoned, he added.

When Chief Robert Wadman appointed him to chair a career development committee, Olson said, he suggested the program be revived.

The police division benefits from the program, according to Olson. Interns are "exceptional" people who are able to handle many duties and relieve officers on the street, which "saves citizens money. We benefit enormously at not a lot of cost for the city, and the CJ student receives an insight into the real world of policing."

Omaha police have a long-term goal of building a professional image, he said, "and one of the criterion has to be education." By educating interns, the police create a knowledgeable pool of applicants for the force.

Although a high school education is the present requirement for a position with the force, studies have shown that officers with some college education perform better, have fewer complaints filed against them, and score higher on police admission tests, Olson said.

The practical experience of the program helps students decide if they want a career in police work. Of his own experience as a cadet, he said, "I was hooked, and I've never regretted it since."

Olson said many cadets eventually joined the force and were promoted to higher positions.

Wakefield said students who qualify as interns must pass a "rigorous" selection process and be interviewed before they are accepted.

In the future, interns may be placed in the public affairs and traffic divisions, Olson said. In addition, the UNO College of Continuing Studies and the Creighton University Law School have expressed interest in affiliated programs.

On a related subject, police are considering creating an exchange program between police officers and UNO criminal justice faculty.

Officers would provide current street experiences to students, while professors do research for the division.

"We feel there is a brain bank out there (at UNO), and we anticipate there are problems which their research people can work with us on," said Olson.

Alumni raise pledges for academic awards

The UNO Alumni Association is celebrating the university's 75th anniversary by raising \$260,000 for seven endowed professorships and five scholarships.

The awards "will enhance the entire university by retaining some of our best professors and creating a competitive atmosphere between students," said Dan Devere, assistant director of the Alumni Association.

One professor from each UNO college will receive a cash bonus of \$30,000 for outstanding contributions to the university. Devere said he hopes the endowments will prevent some of UNO's finest professors from seeking corporate careers.

The seven professorships are named in honor of six former and one current professor: Ed Clark, fine arts; Paul Kennedy, education; Margaret Kil-

lian, home economics; John Lucas, business administration; Cheryl Prewett, engineering; Dave Scott, public affairs; and Ralph Wardle, arts and sciences.

"There are many professors at UNO who deserve this award today," said Devere. He said the Alumni Association has yet to devise a system for selecting the professors who will receive the endowments sometime next year.

The five \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates who show an exceptionally high level of academic achievement.

The association began fund raising last year with two telephone drives. Members of the association and some students contacted UNO alumni all over the country. According to Devere, the drive is expected to bring in \$200,000 in pledges when it ends next month.

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Walker says NCLU protects those denied their rights

By PAUL JONSWOLD

Last fall, more than 100 UNL students marched in Lincoln to protest U.S. involvement in El Salvador.

The students, members of the Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASCO), had received a permit to use the sidewalks for their demonstration.

What followed is an example of how the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union (NCLU) protects citizens' rights, according to NCLU president Sam Walker.

As the protest continued for several days, the number of demonstrators increased. LASCO then requested the use of the streets as well as sidewalks for its demonstration, Walker said.

The Lincoln Police Department said it would not allow the demonstrators to use the streets unless they paid off-duty police officers to control the crowd, according to Walker.

LASCO refused to pay for security. Instead, they sought advice from the NCLU. After two weeks of negotiations between the police and the NCLU, Walker said, LASCO received its permit without paying for security.

"Many people are denied their rights as American citizens," said Walker, an associate professor of criminal justice at UNO. "If it had been the Big Red football team, they would have obtained a permit without delay."

The NCLU was organized to ensure that the rights of every individual, regardless of race, sex, religion or creed are upheld, according to Walker. He said he has been involved with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for 10 years.

Walker was recently named to the publication committee of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and said his background has helped him deal with police-community relations.

He cited an incident that occurred in Omaha two years ago. Police raided a North Omaha home and accidentally shot an undercover police officer.

A Bible study was in progress at the home when the raid occurred, Walker said, and members of the group sought legal aid from the NCLU after the incident. Last spring, "each Bible study member received a cash settlement for the inconvenience," he said.

As NCLU president, Walker said, he played an instrumental role in establishing the Public Interest Law Center of Omaha, an organization that aids people in civil rights cases.

He also said the NCLU is interested in sex discrimination cases.

"One case occurred in a small Nebraska town last year when a boss continually harassed his female employees," said Walker. "One woman was so upset that she quit. Several months after

the woman quit, the rest of the women refused to return to work until their boss was fired.

"The women were unsuccessful in their attempt to find a lawyer that would represent them," he added. "They contacted the NCLU for help. The NCLU found a lawyer in Lincoln to represent them at no cost."

The case was settled several weeks ago. "The woman who quit got her job back, and the other women received compensation for lost wages," said Walker. "The boss was transferred."

The use of insanity as a defense in criminal trials was one of the topics discussed at a recent ACLU meeting in New York attended by Walker. He said the public's attitude toward the insanity defense has turned negative since the trial of John Hinckley, Jr., who shot President Reagan two years ago.

"It's unfortunate that one particular trial could stir enough turmoil to possibly even change policy," said Walker. After the Hinckley trial, several lawmakers in Washington introduced legislation that would eliminate the use of the insanity defense, or change the law to "guilty but insane."

"I feel we should retain insanity as a defense because it's both morally and constitutionally the right thing to do."

Walker also said the Reagan administration has had "a terrible effect on the function of the

ACLU and the enforcement of civil rights laws."

For example, he said the administration tried to eliminate funding for legal aid, but "despite drastic budget cuts, we've managed to save most of our programs."

One of the current issues the ACLU is concerned about is government control over scientific research, according to Walker.

"It's gotten to the point where the U.S. government can censor anything by classifying it under the category of national security," he said.

Last summer, American scientists were warned by the federal government not to attend the world optics conference held at San Diego, Walker said. The government said the scientists would be put on an enemy act violation list if they participated, and as a result, the scientists withdrew from the conference.

The federal government also restricts the flow of information about the environment and atomic energy, Walker said.

"The Atomic Energy Act was written in such a way that the government can censor it (information) just by classifying it," he said. In addition, the government has censored two Canadian films by classifying them as political propaganda.

Walker said the ACLU is suing the U.S. for labeling the films.

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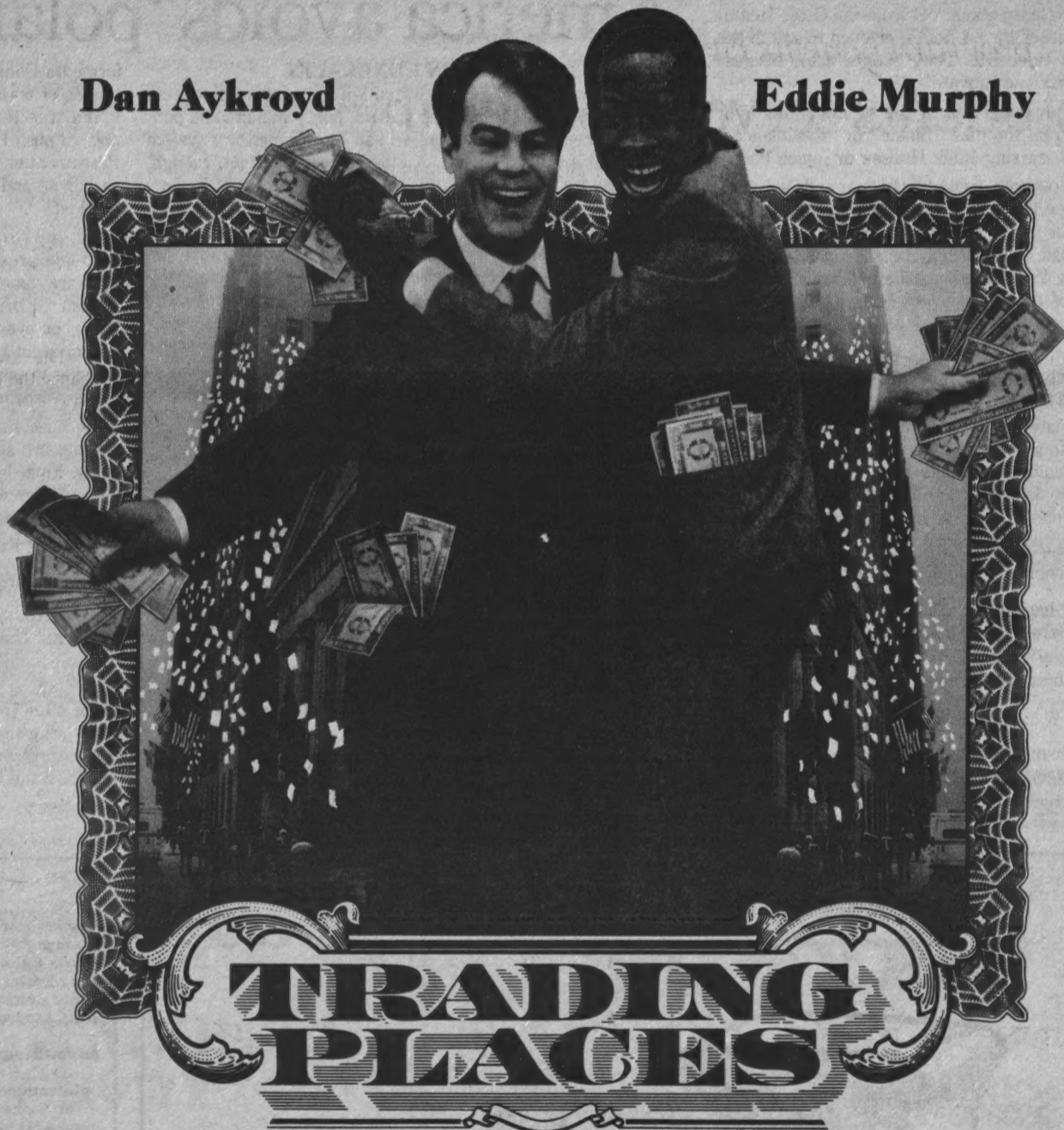
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Cox Cable rhetoric risks alienating city

Cox Cable Omaha seems determined not to make, or keep, any friends.

Omaha's cable television company has again threatened to pull the plug on "superstation" WOR-TV New York without approval by the City Council.

Cox said it will drop the station on July 1 if the council doesn't OK a 35-cent customer rate increase. This despite the fact the council has a cable TV advisory committee which is supposed to oversee all decisions by Cox relative to "Tier III" programming, the most popular of the service.

What galls is not that Cox is requesting a rate increase — no one expected to pay \$7.50 a month for life — but that the company seems to be pushing its weight around and deliberately antagonizing the council. They have succeeded with council president Bernie Simon, who was quoted recently as saying he won't "kowtow to any of their threats."

For the uncabled, a little background: WOR is one of three superstations offered by Cox in its basic service, which has about 53,500 subscribers. In addition to WTBS Atlanta and WGN Chicago, the New York station offers two primary outlets, live sports programming and old movies.

Cox originally tried to drop the station in March after a decision by the Copyright Royalty Tribunal increased the copyright fees Cox has to pay to carry the stations. Thus the effort to drop WOR, which was rebuked by the council in a 6-0 vote.

In the midst of this confrontation, Cox should remember why people subscribe to cable.

They didn't sign up to learn about VD from the Cable Health Network, or watch weather for 24 hours, or even to watch the Omaha World-Herald's videotext. They bought cable because they like to watch sports and movies.

We'll eliminate the movies offered by the superstations right off the bat; for every great film like "Shane" or "Casablanca," there are a dozen dogs starring Rock Hudson or Janice Paige.

For the sports fan, however, cable has been a godsend. Consider the programming offered by WOR alone: Major coverage of New Jersey Nets basketball, New York Rangers hockey, and New York Mets baseball. In addition, the station offers occasional coverage of New York Knicks basketball and New York Islanders hockey. All of that is a major chunk of cable sports programming.

In short, people don't watch WOR to listen to Phil Rizzuto sell aluminum siding. They watch it, as they do the other superstations, because of the variety of sports programming.

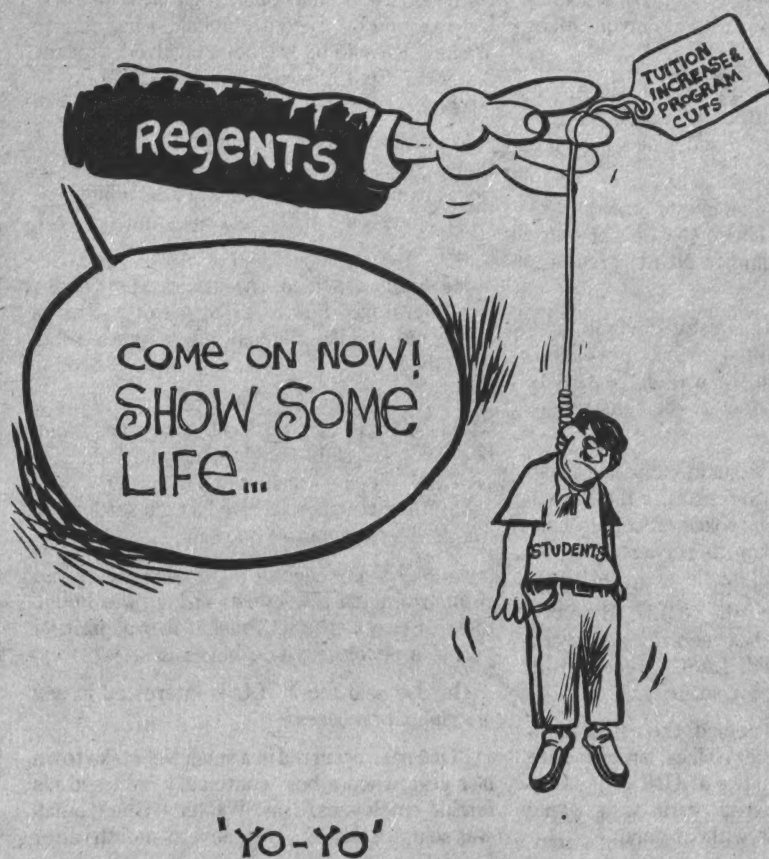
If, as Cox public relations manager Mike Kohler suggests, customers are willing to pay the extra 35 cents to retain WOR, then the company should prepare its case and abide by the council's decision. If the decision goes against the company, and the station is still dropped, Cox will have lost whatever good will it's managed to accumulate since signing a contract with the city.

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Elsewhere on this page you will find the first installment of weekly columns by Morton Kondracke, executive editor of The New Republic.

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America avoids 'polarized' politics

By MORTON KONDRACKE

New York, June 6 — Frustrated with the contentiousness built into the American political system, policy makers and pundits sometimes wish aloud that we had a parliamentary system like most other democracies. A look at Great Britain, though, shows why we're better off. But the case against the U.S. Constitution has three strong points:

1) With power divided between three co-equal branches, the government constantly is bogged down in divisive combat, especially Congress and the president. There tends to be a stalemate even when (as during the Carter administration) the same party controls both branches. In parliamentary systems, executive and legislative power are in the same hands, so the prime minister always gets his (or her) program enacted into law.

2) We have no party discipline. Members of Congress and even presidents owe as much loyalty to their constituents or interest groups as they do the Democratic or Republican parties, so American voters rarely have a clear choice between platforms at election time, and can't hold anyone responsible for government success or failure. In Britain, West Germany, Japan and other parliamentary democracies, party differences are clear, discipline is strong, and the rascals can be easily identified and thrown out.

3) The American system makes it possible for a Jimmy Carter or a Ronald Reagan to come from nowhere or far-right field and capture the presidency on a smile and a promise, rather than on the basis of qualifications and experience. Parliamentary systems are more likely to produce leaders such as Helmut Schmidt, who was West Germany's defense minister, finance minister and, only then, prime minister.

There is not exactly a massive national demand for junking the Constitution and going parliamentary, but the weaknesses of our system are a favorite theme of academics. Former White House counsel Lloyd Cutler and other distinguished citizens have

formed a Committee for Constitutional Change to study adaptations of parliamentary democracy for the United States.

It's true that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been able to push her austere Conservative Party program through Parliament unchanged, whereas U.S. presidents constantly have to haggle and compromise with Congress and sometimes get blocked.

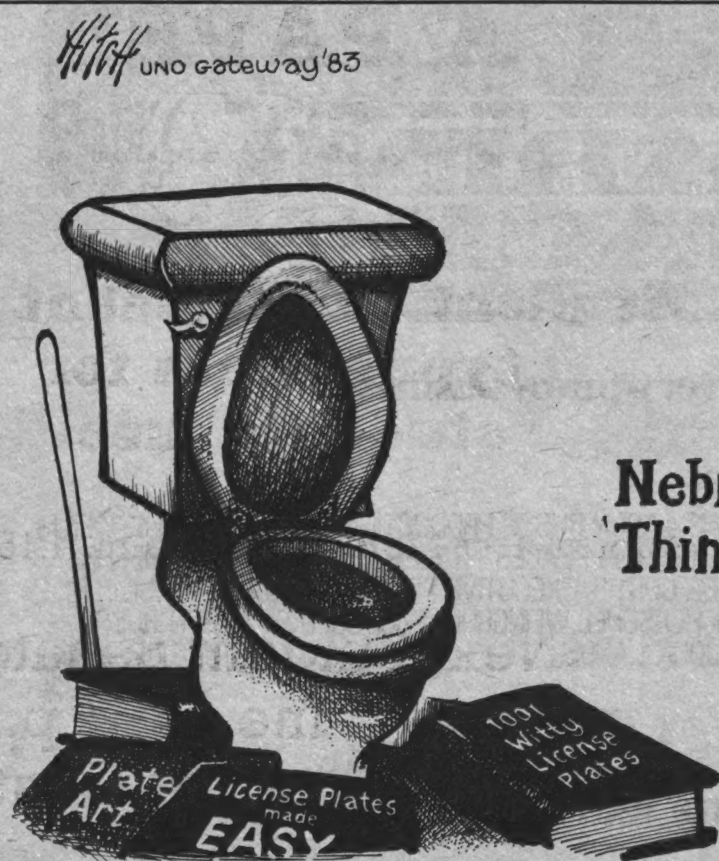
But the virtue of the American system is that no matter how hard-line presidential candidates seem on the campaign trail, they are forced to move toward the political center in order to govern. In Britain, the parties govern as radically as they campaign, or even more so. Thatcher has sold off nationalized industries, cut taxes and welfare benefits, and fought the unions. She has succeeded in reducing inflation to 4 percent, but unemployment is up to 13.6 percent and still rising.

Because they are so polarized, the British parties are not strong, but splintered, as often happens in parliamentary systems. Right-left warfare is raging inside the two major parties, and disgruntled moderates are moving to a centrist third party, the Social Democratic-Liberal alliance.

It hasn't happened in Britain yet, but in Israel and Italy, the existence of third, fourth and fifth parties makes it impossible for one party to gain a working majority. So, unstable coalitions are formed, giving tiny minorities power to pull down the government. There are constant calls for no-confidence votes and new elections.

It may be true that parliaments produce Helmut Schmidt more often than Jimmy Carters, but Ronald Reagan is no more right wing than Margaret Thatcher, and we have more power to control him. And, somehow, when we need an Abraham Lincoln or Franklin Roosevelt, our system produces one. I say, let's keep it.

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Neurotica

By Karen Nelson

... exciting new vacation spots

People have very little imagination when it comes to taking vacations. Everyone goes to the beach, the mountains or the big city. At least, everyone says that's what he does.

"What Wall Drug bumper sticker?" a friend of mine said when he came home from a weekend trip. "Someone else must have stuck it on there. I wouldn't go to a tourist trap like that."

Still, it's amazing how many vacationers who said they went to New York City, the Grand Canyon or San Francisco end up with bumper stickers and window decals from Pioneer Village, Ghost Town USA or Disneyland. You, too, might find yourself lured off the interstate by some little-known tourist traps:

1: THE SADIE P. HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL PARKING LOT AND CAR WASH, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

This 150-acre parking lot and car wash was the dream of Sadie P. Hightower, an eccentric real estate tycoon. For most of her life, Hightower sold land to businesses which needed space for valet parking.

In 1964, Hightower sold her house, left the real estate business, and spent the rest of her life driving around L.A. in a 1961 Chevy. She only ate at drive-ins and slept during rush-hour traffic jams.

Hightower died in 1969 when her car ran out of gas at an intersection. Police found \$10 million in the trunk, along with a will in which she stated that the lot should be built.

The Sadie P. Hightower Memorial Parking Lot and Car Wash includes a museum featuring great moments in parking lot and car wash history, a gift shop which sells Sadie P. Hightower T-shirts, and examples of parking technology from valet parking to space-saving vertical parking in which cars are parked by standing them on their back wheels.

Hours: 9 a.m. to midnight. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children. (Hot wax extra.) All major credit cards accepted.

2: THE PODUNK BRIDGE, HICKVILLE, MAINE.

When the last residents of Podunk prepared to leave due to lack of interest, they needed to raise enough money to move. (Podunk's unemployment had been 100 percent for years.) At that time, the sale and relocation of London Bridge in Arizona was in the news.

Since the Podunk River had been dry since 1935, the residents agreed to sell the bridge. Finding a buyer for the bridge was difficult, however. Prospective buyers would listen to the sales pitch, then ask, "I suppose you have another bridge on

sale in Brooklyn, right?"

At last, Silas Cranberry, the mayor of Hickville, agreed to buy the bridge for an undisclosed amount. "Well, we've got a speed trap in our town," Cranberry said at the time. "No tourist traps, though. This will really make Hickville up-to-date."

The Podunk Bridge was taken apart brick by brick and sent to Maine via express mail. It was reassembled in Hickville, where it attracted tourists who were forced to stay in town to await trial for speeding.

In 1978, a box of bricks was sent to Hickville, Maine, from Hickville, Wyo. "This has been sitting in our post office for two years," said the note which came with the box. "It must belong to you."

No one had noticed that there were fewer bricks in the bridge after it was rebuilt. Chips of the extra bricks are now made into necklaces and earrings by local craftsmen to be sold in the gift shop.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekdays; noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and holidays. Admission: \$6 or 5 percent of total traffic fines, whichever is greater.

3: RICHARD B. STEWART JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RESTAURANT, OVERTON, OHIO.

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"We've found that Stewart's a real success," said Thompson Mullins, manager and former principal. "It brings back a lot of memories for people, especially former students."

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4: GHOST METROPOLIS, HUMUNGOUS, ILL.

Although the trend of abandoning the inner city for the suburbs is beginning to reverse itself in most areas, it was too late for Humungous. For several years, the downtown area was completely empty except for neglected skyscrapers.

Last year, however, the Humungous Suburban Council decided to see what could be done to attract tourists. A proposal to renovate the Historic Quarter was vetoed when it was remembered that it was torn down in 1966. Someone wanted to tear Humungous down and make it into a park, but no one wanted to go to the trouble.

Finally, someone said, "Humungous is nothing but a ghost town, anyway. Why not just leave it?"

So that was what happened. The former headquarters of a major insurance company is now a hotel. Tourists can visit museums devoted to urban and inner-city life. Muggings, takeovers of buildings by international terrorists, and other crimes are re-enacted daily for the entertainment of tourists.

Rides for both young and old include "Elevator," in which riders go up and down and get stuck between floors; "Taxi," in which a driver tells you about the state of the world while driving seven miles to an address two blocks away; and "Bus," in which you try to get the driver to let you off before your stop gets too far away.

Hours: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Prices: vary. Muggers, hookers, overpriced restaurants accept all major credit cards.

News Briefs

Those piles of dirt on the east side of the library should be gone in the next couple of weeks, according to Neil Morgensen, director of plant management at UNO.

Morgensen said workers have been re-waterproofing the east wall of the library since early last month.

They are removing the old waterproofing, applying a new coat, and adding one layer "just to be doubly sure," he said.

Recurring problems with water leaking into the library's lower level and "totally drenching" the carpet for 15 to 20 feet forced the project, Morgensen said.

The problem is "more of an annoyance than anything," he added.

The project, which costs \$15,895, was funded by the LB-309 task force.

Fulbright grant

A UNO faculty member has been awarded a Fulbright grant to the Centre for Excellence in Geology at the University of Peshawar in Peshawar, Pakistan, the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the U.S. Information Agency announced recently.

UNO professor of geography-geology John F. Shroder Jr. is one of about 2,000 Americans being sent abroad for the 1983-84 academic year under the Fulbright exchange program.



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What's Next

The registration deadline for children's dance classes at UNO this summer is June 14.

The classes, which are free, are taught by UNO students enrolled in the physical education class "Methods in Teaching Rhythmic Activities."

Boys and girls ages four through 12 may participate. Classes begin June 27, and will be held every weekday from 8 to 9 a.m. through July 7. A demonstration for parents and friends will be given at 7 p.m. on the last day of class.

Interested parents should contact Vera Lundahl, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation at the HPER Building or call 554-2670.

Life of illusion

UNO students Steve Penn and Burke Petersen will present a magic show on June 18 at the Emmy Gifford Theater, 35th and Center Sts.

The two will recreate some of Harry Houdini's illusions as well as perform the Electric Lady illusion for the first time in Omaha. In addition, Petersen and Penn, a former Gateway editor, will each present solo magic routines.

Tickets are available at Professor Put On, 49th and Center Sts., and Findell Sentry Hardware, 99th and Fort Sts. They can also be purchased by calling 572-9449 or 346-7935. Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Summer hours

Student Health Services, located in room 132 of the Stu-

dent Center, will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. during the summer. By appointment only.

SPO movie

George Lucas' "American Graffiti" will be shown in the UNO Pep Bowl (south of the Eppley Building) at 9 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. The movie is sponsored by SPO.

Easy Rider

A beginner's motorcycle rider course is being offered at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center this month.

The course is sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies and Campus Security in conjunction with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and will teach skills necessary to ride in traffic. One session will be devoted to advanced riding.

Enrollees in the 20-hour course will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 24, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26.

The class is open to anyone of licensing age; students under age 18 will need parental consent.

The registration fee is \$17.50 and includes use of a motorcycle and a helmet, and all course materials.

For more information, call 554-2618.

Tours

Joslyn Art Museum will be offering special guided tours each Wednesday afternoon from June 22 until August 17.

The tours begin at 1 p.m. and will feature a different part of the collection each week. They will begin in the east entrance foyer and are free with museum admission.

No reservations are necessary unless your group's size exceeds 10.

On June 22, the tour is "Mythology in the Joslyn Collection."

For more information, call Joslyn's education department at 342-3300.

Stitch it

An exhibition of mixed media including art stitchery, fabric printing, and drawings by Mary Ann Zebolsky will be shown at the Jewish Community Center Art Gallery from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday. The exhibition will run through July 17.

The gallery is located at 333 S. 132nd St. and admission is free.

Outdoor drama

UNO's Carnival Theatre on the Green continues tonight at the William H. Thompson Alumni House, 6705 Dodge St., with a 6:30 p.m. pre-show, "Renaissance Fare," and an 8 p.m. main stage production, "Mandragola." Tomorrow night the pre-show will be "American Chestnuts," and the main stage production will be "Diary of Adam and Eve." Sunday evening's performance will be "American Chestnuts" or "Renaissance Fare," and "Symphonic Safari" by the UNO Festival Orchestra.

What's Next is a weekly feature. Information for publication should be in the Gateway office by 1 p.m. the preceding Friday. Due to space limitations, priority is given to timely announcements by campus organizations.

College students may be subject to measles

Measles outbreaks at several college campuses have prompted the American Medical Association to propose a plan that would require proof of immunization for college enrollment, said Shelly Helzer, Student Health physician's assistant.

"We think that requiring immunization for enrollment is a bit of overkill," said Helzer. "Students just need to be aware that measles are still around and they can still be caught."

According to Helzer, measles cases have been reported at Indiana University, Texas, Miami and Oxford. In the first 13 weeks of 1983, college students accounted for 52.6 percent of the U.S. measles cases, she said.

"College students are really more susceptible than younger kids and the complications can be much more severe," Helzer said. "The best thing you can do is check your immunization records or find out if you've had the measles."

According to Helzer, most people who have had the measles once will not contract them again, and anyone born before 1957 is likely to have acquired immunity from natural exposure to the disease.

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Sports

UNO sports clinics used as off-season recruiting tool

By ERIC OLSON

School's out and nearly 1,000 area youths will converge on campus to participate in summer sports clinics. The 10 camps are directed by UNO head coaches in their respective sports.

The clinics serve dual purposes, according to athletic director Don Leahy. In addition to helping the individual athlete improve, they also serve as a recruiting tool for the university.

"It's really a community service because of the expertise the coaches pass along to kids during their developing years, but some coaches may use it to recruit," he said.

Football camp director Sandy Buda said the program is a community service and benefits the school's recruiting efforts.

"If it wasn't for recruiting for UNO, camps would not be needed. We'd be better off without them. We lose money on them."

Bob Hanson, who directs the most popular camp during the summer, basketball, also said it serves as a good recruiting tool. "I think it's good exposure for the school to put 225 kids on campus."

Buda said the staff at his camp, and all other UNO-sponsored camps, earn \$160 for their work.

Hanson said UNO coaches make little when compared to other camp directors around the nation.

"I've heard of guys who made a quarter-million dollars on camps. That's hard for me to comprehend. What little we do make, however, is certainly appreciated in the fact that we have not received raises the past two years."

The money paid by participants goes chiefly to the university. Shares go to the scholarship fund, booster club, rental fees for use of the facilities, and to assorted other costs. The rest of the money is given to the coaches.

The objective of each camp is to improve the individual athlete. At Buda's football school, the training schedule includes weightlifting, running, and conditioning.

"My main goal for the camp is to instruct people on fundamentals and skills. The techniques I teach may prevent the player from injury when he plays on his high school or midget team," he said.

The only shortcoming of the football clinic is that only local area youths can participate, thus limiting the income and exposure for the university, Buda said. "If we had dorms, we could make money. We would attract a larger group of kids from possibly central and western Nebraska."

Eight players on the 1983 UNO football team attended the camp, including running back Mark Gurley.

Hanson, who enlisted the help of nearly 15 area high school

coaches at his camp, stressed the importance of fundamentals, discipline, confidence, and self-motivation during the clinic.

He said he tries to make the program fun by videotaping participants, as does Lady Mav coach Cherri Mankenberg at her camp. Both organize tournaments and contests in which awards are given out.

"The enthusiasm is great because they want to be here. A very good ratio of kids come back the next year," Hanson said.

Mankenberg, whose camp drew 180 participants last year, said she stresses individual attention. An 8-1 player-coach ratio exists at the Lady Mav basketball clinic, she said.

Hanson made his first contacts with Dean Thompson through his camp. Standouts that went to the women's clinic and are now playing for Mankenberg include Vicki Edmonds and Sue Weiger.

Bob Gates, who is in his seventh year directing the UNO baseball camp, said the basic philosophy behind it is to make young kids better ball players.

He said he does not use the camp as a recruiting tool, and is only interested in improving the player. "We try to make them be the best baseball players they can be, that's all."

"Most coaches don't have the time to work with players on fundamentals. Here we do have the time to help them."

Sport Notes

The 1983 Division II NCAA track and field national championships were held May 23-28 at Cape Girardeau, Mo. The UNO men's team finished 51st of 59 teams in the competition and the Lady Mavs were 45th in a field of 60.

For the men, high jumper Dan Bice finished eighth with a jump of 6-10. Mike Jones was 11th in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:56.1.

Others who qualified for the meet but failed to score were Tracy Slobodnik in the pole vault, Tim Freeburg in the 110-meter high hurdles, and Al McLaughlin, Lawrence Allen and Brad Cleveland of the 1,600 meter relay team. The relay team was prevented from participating when Freeburg, the fourth member, pulled a hamstring in the hurdles.

The Lady Mavs' Linda Elsasser finished eighth overall in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:30.38. Also qualifying but failing to

score were Becky Wilson in the 400-meter race and Beth Karschinsker in the high jump. Karschinsker placed one position out of scoring in 13th place.

Rigatuso honored

UNO wrestler Mark Rigatuso has been named by the North Central Conference as one of nine Honor-Athletes for 1982-83. Rigatuso, the first Division I All-American in UNO history, has been NCAA Division II national wrestling champion three times.



Rigatuso

Baseball All-Academic

UNO catcher Rick Stambaugh was named to the 1983 All-NCC academic baseball team. Stambaugh batted .448 for the Mavs this

season and was also named to the All-NCC team last month. UNO pitcher Gregg Larsen won honorable mention on the All-Academic team.

Softball All-Academics

The 1983 NCC All-Academic softball team includes two players from UNO.

Karol Ulmer, a major in public administration, and senior pitcher Brenda Costello were named by a vote of the conference sports information directors.

Ulmer, a two-year letter winner, also was named to the 1982 and 1983 NCC all-tournament teams. She hit .274 for the Lady Mavs and led the club with 15 stolen bases. Ulmer, a junior, played shortstop for the team.

Summer clinics

The athletic department is offering 10 sports clinics conducted by the UNO head coaches this summer. They include:

Girls basketball, June 13-17 and July 11-15;

judo, June 18; swimming and diving, June 20-24; wrestling, June 20-24; boys basketball, June 27-July 1 and July 18-22; soccer, July 11-15 and July 18-22; volleyball, July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5; and football, Aug. 1-4.

Clinics for baseball and softball were held this week.

Registration fees range from \$15 to \$80.

Co-captains

The UNO football team has elected three captains for the 1983 season. They are offensive tackle Carroll Allberry, Gretna; fullback Larry Barnett, Omaha Benson; and linebacker Clark Toner, Omaha Burke. All are seniors.

Tickets

Season football tickets are now on sale for \$36 for six home games. Holders also receive parking privileges. Those interested can call 554-2310. UNO opens at home on Sept. 3 against Northeast Missouri.



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Sports Comment

By KEVIN COLE

During the summer term the writing of sports on a college newspaper can be a bit frustrating. After all, none of the major sports with wide audience interest are in season. And lead stories on frisbee golf can depress the most up-beat sports addict.

After consulting with past summer editors and present staffers, it becomes apparent that a sports column is a tremendous aid in filling space and garnering reader interest. And it is my intention to use the column to grab the readers' attention.

In that spirit I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any and all comments and criticism about all aspects of sports. From the amateur to the professional level, I declare this open season on rules, coaches, players, teams, equipment and all the rest of it. Let's talk sports.

This is the time of year when a young man's thoughts and fancies turn to the venerable national pastime of baseball. With the College World Series in town this week, discussions of the game are not difficult to find.

On the UNO campus, baseball talk includes the departure of assistant coach J. D. Burks, who will assume the head coaching job at Bellevue College. The position at Bellevue is not an enviable one at this time. The club was 3-33 last year and it's that sort of record that can make the word disaster an understatement.

Having known Burks as coach of our mutual alma mater, Holy Name, and as assistant at both UNO and Creighton, I hasten to assure one and all that disasters will not be tolerated on his teams.

For starters, his players will be sound fundamentally. While I never had the talent to play baseball on the varsity or even junior varsity level with my contemporaries, it was through them I first came to appreciate the thoroughness and intensity of Burks' preparations. "You do it until you do it right and then

you do it again," classmate Jerry Watson once told me.

Nine years after his last season with Burks, Watson vividly recalled the winning attitude and skills he learned from his old coach. "He put winning in your brain so that you were going to win or you weren't going to play. We'd start every year the same way—from how to hold the bat to just watching the ball be pitched. We started with the basics but each year we learned quicker and each year we got better."

Burks' strategy to improve Bellevue fortunes next year is "to recruit 15 new faces this year. The right faces can change the program not in one year completely, but in two or three we can be competing for championships. And winning changes all," he said.

To lure some of those right faces onto his team, Burks plans to stress the positive. "No. 1 is that they will have the opportunity to play right away. No. 2 is that they can grow into something good by their junior and senior seasons," Burks said.

It is not without some reservations that Burks leaves the UNO program. "UNO has been awfully good to me," he said. "Coach Gates and I get along real well and I hate to leave here, but the chance to be a head coach is what I've wanted," said Burks.

On the subject of facing Gates as an adversary next season, Burks envisions no major changes in either coach's strategy when they meet. "He might have to change his signs but that's about it," he said.

Watson predicted that Burks will bring his team up to the .500 plateau next year. "He's like a Billy Martin," Watson said. "He can really piss a team off but you'd run through walls for him."

Burks himself is optimistic about the Bellevue baseball future. "I wouldn't have taken the job if I couldn't get it done. I can't wait to get going," he said.

Summer intramural deadline approaches

The registration deadline for the summer session of intramural sports at UNO is Monday.

Actual competition begins June 15 as five activities are scheduled at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building.

The activities include three-on-three basketball, wallyball, and self-paced tennis, squash, and racquetball tournaments.

Future events include a horseback and hayrack ride day June 23 at Shady Lanes in Council Bluffs, and a Bowling Day on June 30 at a site still to be determined.

Since the HPER Building opened in January 1980, "the intramural program has been very successful ... with more people participating and more sports being added," according to Dan Wax, assistant coordinator of Campus Recreation.

With UNO being a commuter campus, one concern we have is to find a way to keep the students on campus to get involved with intramurals," he added.

Wax also said the availability of facilities, "the budget allowance, the time of the year, and the need of the students" are other considerations when preparing an intramural schedule.

Overall, Campus Recreation offers a variety of activities for intramural participants. They include flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, indoor hockey, and wrestling.

"People shouldn't have to worry about their skill to compete," said Wax. "The only prerequisite is if they want to compete."

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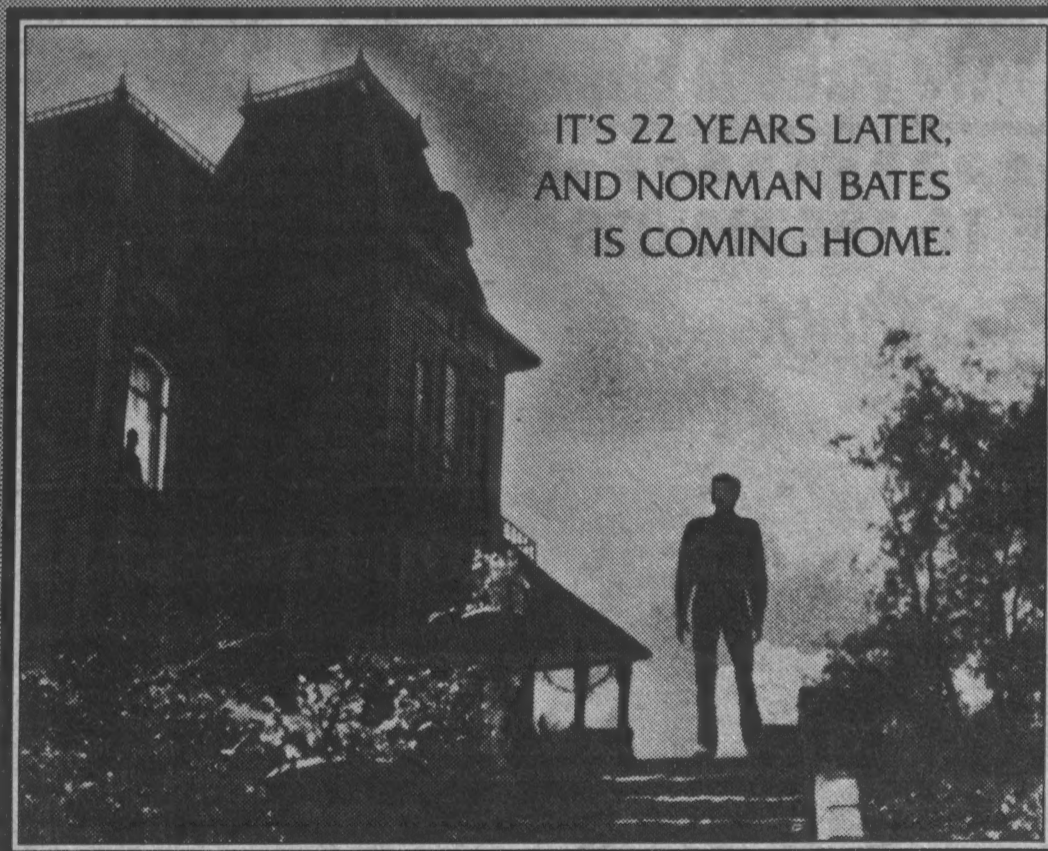
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